

An Act to empower the Justices of *Charles* County, to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of *Port-Tobacco* Parish in said County, a Sum not exceeding Two Pounds of Tobacco *per* Poll annually, for the Support of an Organist in said Parish.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of *Port-Tobacco* Parish, in *Charles* County, by Petition to this General Assembly, setting forth, That Doctor *Gustavus Brown*, of said County, hath proffered a Donation of an Organ, on Condition that the said Parish will employ an Organist, have prayed that an Act may pass, to enable the Justices of said County, annually, to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Sum not exceeding Two Pounds of Tobacco *per* Poll, for that Purpose :

Preamble.

II. *BE* it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of *Charles* County Court, and they are hereby required, annually, during the Continuance of this Act, upon Application of the Vestry of the said Parish, for the Time being, to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants thereof, a Sum not exceeding Two Pounds of Tobacco *per* Poll ; a Certificate of which Assessment, under the County Seal, shall be a sufficient Warrant to the Sheriff of the said County, to levy and collect the Sum of Tobacco therein mentioned, from the said Taxable Inhabitants, and the said Sheriff shall levy, collect, account for, and pay, the same to the said Vestry, in the same Manner as other Parochial Levies and Dues are levied, collected, accounted for, and paid, retaining to his own Use, a Salary of Five *per Cent.* on all such Sums as he shall collect and pay, by Virtue of this Act. And the said Tobacco, so by the said Sheriff collected and paid, the said Vestry shall, and they are hereby required to apply towards the Payment of an Organist, in the Parish aforesaid.

Two Pounds of Tobacco *per* Taxable, to be levied for Pay of an Organist.

III. *PROVIDED* always, and be it Enacted, That if the said Parish shall, at any Time, be without an Organist, all such Sum or Sums of Tobacco, as shall at such Time be levied on the Taxable Inhabitants thereof, or shall be in the Hands of the said Vestry unapplied, shall be by the said Vestry applied, laid out and expended, for the Use of the said Parish, to such Purposes, and in such Manner, as the Majority of the Vestry, and Church-Wardens of the said Parish shall order and direct.

If no Organist to be applied by the Vestry.

IV. *PROVIDED* also, and be it likewise Enacted, That nothing in any Act, or any Law contained, shall be construed to extend, to give the Inhabitants of the said Parish a Liberty of paying off the said Assessment in Money.

Not to be discharged with Money.

V. *THIS* Act to continue for and during the Term of Fifteen Years, and until the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the End of the said Fifteen Years, and no longer.

Continuance.

An Act for Granting a Sum of Money as a Present to the Forces late in the Pay and Service of this Province, and taken into his Majesty's Service by Brigadier-General *Forbes*.

WHEREAS the Troops late in the Pay and Service of this Province, acting in the Expedition against Fort *Duquesne*, under the Command of Brigadier-General *Forbes*, have, by their Alacrity in his Majesty's Service, and their personal Courage and Bravery in repelling his Majesty's Enemies, particularly destined to distress the Inhabitants on the Western Frontier of this Province, manifestly shewn their Zeal for the Service in general, and this Province in particular. In Consideration whereof, and as a distinguishing Mark of their Merit, it is prayed that it may be enacted,

Preamble.

II. *AND* be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, Part of the Money now in the Hands of the Commissioners of the Loan Office appropriated for the Payment of *Indian* Scalps and Prisoners, be, and is hereby directed and required to be paid, by the said Commissioners, out of the said Fund, unto the Agents appointed by an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same*, who are hereby enjoined and required, upon Receipt thereof, as soon as conveniently may be, without Delay, to pay, or cause the same to be paid and distributed, among the Officers and Soldiers

1500*l.* as a Present to the Officers and Soldiers late in the Service of this Province.